

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 995

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Zachary McCoy, a 2010 Top Ten student at Peabody High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Zachary McCoy is one such exceptional student who recently graduated in the Top Ten of the 2010 senior class at Peabody High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Zachary McCoy has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Zachary has been honored as an academic letterman, earning an exemplary 98.85 average and 4.0 grade point average while participating in a number of clubs and organizations, including the Beta Club, Science Club, Pep Club, and Spanish Club which he served as President his junior year; and

WHEREAS, a prolific musician at Peabody, he has participated in the marching band, concert band, pep band, and the Band of Gold, for which he has served as first chair and captain of the percussion section; and

WHEREAS, he has also participated in the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM) Solo and Ensemble Event for four years, receiving superior ratings each time, as well as the Jackson Symphony Youth Orchestra, for which he was selected as the Concerto Competition winner for the 2009-2010 season, enabling him to perform his concerto piece in concert as a

soloist with the youth orchestra in the December 2009 concert; he has attended the Jackson Symphony Summer Music Camp three times; and

WHEREAS, Zachary has been chosen for the All-West Band clinic five times, the All-State Band twice, and the All-State Orchestra three times, which is the maximum number possible; he has attended the UTM Honor Band clinic four times, ranking in the highest ensemble possible each time, as well as ranking in the highest chair possible twice; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2008, Zachary was chosen to attend the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts at Middle Tennessee State University; while there, he served as principal percussionist; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2009, he was one of five percussionists selected to attend the internationally-acclaimed Sewanee Summer Music Festival; Zachary performed in the three different orchestras, as well as the percussion ensemble, at the festival, and he has been selected to attend the festival again in 2010; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his outstanding scholastic achievements, Zachary has also given of his time and talents to Teen Trendsetters, for which he volunteered to read to young children, and the Upward Bound program; and

WHEREAS, Zachary's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at UTM, where he will major in music and minor in conducting, and his future career as a professional orchestral conductor; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his grandparents, Donna and Carlos McCoy, Sr., his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Zachary McCoy's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that Zachary McCoy, 2010 Peabody High School Top Ten graduate, who ranked third in his class, be commended and honored on his impressive academic achievement. We extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.